

**BOARD PAPER - NHS ENGLAND**

**Title:** Update from the Board task and finish group on the new congenital heart disease review.

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**Purpose of paper:**

- To update the Board on progress of the new congenital heart disease review.

**Key issues and recommendations:**

This paper contains an update on the progress of the new congenital heart disease review and key points discussed at the last meeting of the task and finish group which was held on 1 September 2014.

**Actions required by Board Members:**

The Board is asked to:

- note the progress of the new congenital heart disease review to date.

## **Update from the Board task and finish group on the new congenital heart disease review**

### **Background**

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide an update to the NHS England Board on the progress of the new congenital heart disease review since the last update to the Board on 3 July 2014.

### **Board task and finish group**

2. Since the paper written for the NHS England Board meeting on 3 July 2014, the Board Task and Finish Group (the “Group”) has met once on 1 September 2014 to approve the launch of public consultation on standards and specifications. The minutes of this meeting will be ratified at the next meeting on 24 November 2014.
3. Please find here the minutes of the task and finish group meeting on 23 June 2014 which had not been published in advance of the previous paper.  
<http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/chd-btfg-2-230614.pdf>
4. The majority of the meeting focused on preparing for the 12 week public consultation on the draft standards and specifications for CHD services.
5. The group were advised that the expected date to launch the consultation was 15 September 2014, closing on 8 December 2014. Following consultation the responses would be analysed by an independent third party organisation who would report on the results, enabling NHS England to then prepare a response by the end of March 2015.
6. The group endorsed the comprehensive communications and engagement plan for the launch of the consultation and provided advice to the review team on engaging with Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities.
7. The group discussed the potential changes to membership of the Clinical Advisory Panel (CAP) and agreed to extend an invitation to Claire Marx, the new President of the Royal College of Surgeons.
8. Approval was delegated to the Programme Board to approve the launch of the public consultation, subject to approval of the draft standards and specifications by the Clinical Priorities Advisory Group and Directly Commissioned Services Committee.
9. Since the meeting on 1 September 2014 all groups have approved the standards and specifications and the public consultation was launched on 15 September 2014.

### **Recommendations**

10. The Board is asked to note the progress of the new congenital heart disease review to date.

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